



## Message from the President

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Hello again! It is good to be back in-person and seeing so much activity and happy faces. However, two weeks in, and I feel it necessary to communicate again with reminders and general unacceptable behaviours that need to be discussed.

Before we go into behaviours, some necessary reminders from Monash yesterday. Please take this very seriously, because they will be and so will we, as U3A.

Briefly, 3 points to highlight:

1. You **MUST** continue QR code check-in EVERY TIME you arrive at the premises. For reminders, we have included a column in our attendance sheets that you are confirming that you have completed your QR code check-in when you sign the attendance sheets.
2. Masks **MUST** be worn at all times now – even when you are engaged in physical activity including Tai Chi, Yoga, Line Dancing etc.
3. Social distancing of 1.5 meters **MUST** be maintained. Our class enrolments comply with the 2SQM limits but you also need to observe this social distance when in class.

It seems some non-members (*previous year members who have not renewed and paid their membership fees are non-members*) and even members too (*where classes are oversubscribed*) are sneaking into classes unenrolled. [Membership renewals now include your certification that you are fully vaccinated; attendance beyond oversubscription mean we may be in breach of the capacity limits, so please, do the right thing.](#) COVID Marshals have been appointed to assist the tutors and will check your sign-in and name tags. Your name tags have been distributed via the tutors. However, if it has somehow gone astray and you do not have one, do not attend class until you have this sorted out with the office (please check office hours on our website).

[Effective immediately](#), all members must wear name badges with their printed name tag showing the current year of membership. Class marshals may need to refuse entry if you do not have current membership and name tags with you.

I loathe to threaten, but if members are going to continue to put our activities at risk with their behaviours and complacency, the management committee may have no choice but to take necessary actions, which may include reducing class sizes, even temporarily shutting down classes where warnings continue to be ignored.

More on unacceptable behaviours....

I get members coming to me to “put them into classes” because they failed to enrol early enough to secure placements and the class is now full; sometimes even “scolding” me that I have not attended to their requests. I do try to accommodate, but please do not test this.

Use of mobiles phones when in class. This is simply rude, having no respect or regard for others. Sometimes we may have personal issues we must attend to, but please, remove yourself from the class and do not disrupt others. This is simply common courtesy.

Ann Findlay, President